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FEMA Addresses Denver Conference on Homeland Security and Terrorism

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liability, rather than a resource, we overlook the great capacity of the public to look after and care for friends and neighbors. The public can be a force multiplier for firefighters and other first responders and emergency managers if we empower them and help them understand how to be part of the response and recovery."

During his remarks, Deputy Administrator Serino also touched on initiatives FEMA has launched in order to engage the public about the importance of personal preparedness.

Earlier this year, FEMA launched its first ever challenge to the public to share their ideas on how communities can better prepare before disaster strikes. Any one can visit www.challenge.gov/fema to share their ideas or to learn more.

FEMA also is encouraging the public to make a New Year's resolution to "Resolve to be Ready" in 2011. Visit www.ready.gov/resolve2011 to learn more.

Richard Serino began serving as FEMA Deputy Administrator in October 2009. Prior to his appointment he served as Chief of Boston EMS and Assistant Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. He has served as an Incident Commander for more than 35 mass

DENVER, Colo. -- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Deputy Administrator Rich Serino addressed more than 600 participants from across the country at the Shared Strategies for Homeland Security Conference in Denver.

Deputy Administrator Serino, who before joining FEMA spent more than 35 years in local emergency services, reminded the participants about the need to plan for the entire community, including children, people with disabilities, and the elderly, and the importance of engaging the public as a critical part of the emergency management team. Serino also spoke about the need to plan for worst case scenarios, and leverage the expertise and resources of the entire team, including the federal family, the private sector, faith-based and non-profit organizations, and especially the public, when planning for, responding to, and recovering from disasters.

"We can't write our plans based solely on our capabilities - we have to make our plans scalable and we have to leverage the entire team - the whole community," said Serino. "If we treat the public as a

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Public Safety, Emergency Management and Allied Organizations are invited to submit articles, events, training opportunities and news.

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Emergency Management

Emergency Management is the assessment, analysis, planning, and assignment of available resources to prevent, prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of all types of hazards or emergencies.

Emergency Management is a comprehensive system of policies, practices, and procedures designed to save lives, prevent injuries, and protect property and the environment if an emergency occurs.

FORMIDABLE FOOTPRINT A NEIGHBORHOOD TABLETOP EXERCISE

AFTER ACTION REPORT

On October 30 2010, 137 members of Community Emergency Response Teams, Neighborhood Associations and local Citizen Corps from 21 states participated simultaneously in the first Formidable Footprint Neighborhood Tabletop Exercise. The scenario that teams participated in was that of a category two storm "Hurricane Neighbor" striking the simulated coastal community of "Northtown" a neighborhood of 807 homes with 2,431 residents.

In Emergency Management and Disaster Response timing along with having the right information often determines the outcome. The Formidable Footprint exercise series is timely because FEMA Administration Craig Fugate has recently challenged all Americans to find ways to help our communities become better prepared for disasters. These exercises engage a wide variety of individuals and groups and provide a collaborative environment where participants are challenged with thought provoking injects to consider how they would respond in their community with their community resources.

Neighborhood teams were able to partake in this and future exercises due to a unique collaboration of partner organizations offering participation in the Formidable Footprint exercises at no cost.

During the exercise teams of community / neighborhood oriented volunteers and professional emergency managers were prompted to work through the process of planning and preparing for the approaching storm with injects such as: "Would your Community Emergency Response Team have a role in assisting senior citizens, individuals with disabilities and / or the transportation disadvantaged in preparing for the approaching storm?". Once the team responded to the inject using their own plans and procedures they were prompted to provide details on what they would do if they answered yes or identify an organization to whom they would refer neighborhoods residents to if their response was no.

In the aftermath of the hurricane participants used interactive maps and videos to conduct neighborhood needs and damage assessment. Then, using the situational awareness of the neighborhood, exercise participants developed Incident Action Plans, identified potential partner organizations and outlined plans to either manage or assist with neighborhood based Points of Distribution.

Lasting three hours the exercise provided an opportunity

for neighborhood residents to come together as Community Emergency Response Team members to assess their capabilities of planning for and responding to Hurricane Neighbor.

The scenarios, dates and times of future Formidable Footprint Neighborhood Tabletop Exercises have been set:

Scenario	Date	Time
Earthquake	January 29, 2011	0900—1200 PST
Flood	February 26, 2011	0900— 1200 CST
Wild Fire	March 26, 2011	0900-1200 CDSST
Tornado	April 30, 2011	0900-1200 CDST
Influenza Pandemic	May 28, 2011	0900-1200 MDST
Hurricane	June 25, 2011	0900— 1200 CDST

As outreach activities continue to encourage community / neighborhood disaster response teams to participate in one or several of the exercises your assistance is needed to help spread the word about this unique disaster training.

The web site for the neighborhood exercise series can be found at: www.drc-group.com/project/footprint.html

For More Information on Disaster Resistant Communities Group, and Formidable Footprint—A Series of national Neighborhood Tabletop Exercises, please go to web page:

<http://www.drc-group.com>

Save the Date 2011 CERT Jamboree

September 10-11, 2011; Mount Vernon, Maine

CERT Jamboree:

This 2-day event is an annual event that provides training and exercises to all of our CERT, CART, SAR, and ARES/EMCOMM groups. There will be several new classes along with a traditional CERT course.

Target Audience:

Team members who are a formal/recognized CERT, CART, SAR, or ARES/EMCOMM team

Course Location:

The event will be held at Camp Laurel in Mount Vernon, ME located on Route 41.

Registration:

Registration information will be posted at a later date.

Contact: Jeremy Damren or Scott Parker
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casualty incidents and for Boston's major planned events, including the Boston Marathon, Boston's Fourth of July celebration, and the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

The Shared Strategies for Homeland Security conference is a three day event, held from December 13-16, hosted by the Denver Urban Area Security Initiative in Denver. For more information and a copy of the of speakers and events can be found at:

<http://www.denveruasipresents.com/>

NIMS Incident Command System Forms

The National Integration Center developed NIMS Incident Command System (ICS) Forms for use by all incident command organizations. The forms reflect extensive stakeholder input and pilot testing over the last 18 months. The forms are all-hazard and establish the required fields for each form.

The National Integration Center recognizes that organizations may want to apply these forms for specific hazards or disciplines. Therefore, each form contains specific instructions to ensure consistent use nationally as well as instruction for organizations to extend them for specific circumstances.

To download a copy of the forms and for more information on NIMS and NIMS implementation visit FEMA's NIMS Resource Center: www.fema.gov/nims

All questions can be directed to FEMA National Integration Center via e-mail: FEMA-NIMS@dhs.gov or via telephone: 202.646.3850.

Pet Shelter Working Group Meeting

The Pet Shelter Working Group meeting will be held at MEMA on, January 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. We are looking for current members of our County Animal Response Teams to join this working group. Pizza will be served.

For More Information, Contact:

Jeremy Damren, MEMA (207) 624-4400

EPA Analysis Shows Decrease in 2009 Toxic Chemical Releases in Maine

Release date: 12/16/2010

Contact Information: David Deegan, (617) 918-1017

Analysis shows continued reduction of chemical disposal and releases in New England

(Boston, Mass. – Dec. 16, 2010) – EPA's most recent Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) data is now available for the reporting year of 2009. TRI reporting provides Americans with vital information about their communities by publishing information on toxic chemical disposals and releases into the air, land and water, as well as information on waste management and pollution prevention activities in neighborhoods across the country.

In Maine, the reporting data show that overall releases of pollutants to the environment have decreased since the previous reporting year (2008). TRI information is a key part of EPA's efforts to provide greater access to environmental information and get information to the public as quickly as possible. TRI was recently recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the 10 major ways that EPA has strengthened America. During 2009, the latest year for which data are available, approximately 21.9 million pounds of chemicals were released in the six New England states, a reduction of about 2,359,064 pounds. In Maine, 84 facilities reported in 2009 approximately 8.5 million pounds (a decrease of 2,035,471 pounds). Approximately 52 percent of releases in Maine were emitted to the air and 30 percent discharged to water during 2009. Across the U.S. in 2009, 3.37 billion pounds of toxic chemicals were released into the environment, a 12 percent decrease from 2008.

Each year, EPA makes publicly available TRI data reported by industries throughout the United States regarding chemical releases to air, water and land by power plants, manufacturers and other facilities which employ ten or more workers and exceed thresholds for chemicals. This year, EPA is offering additional information to make the TRI data more meaningful and accessible to all communities. The TRI analysis now highlights toxic disposals and releases to large aquatic ecosystems, selected urban communities, and tribal lands. In addition, portions of the analysis are available in Spanish for the first time.

Reporting includes information on chemicals released at a company's facility, as well as those transported to disposal facilities off site. TRI data do not reflect the relative toxicity of the chemicals emitted or potential exposure to people

FEMA Extends Lower Flood Insurance Costs

FEMA Extends Lower Cost Flood Insurance Option To Eligible Property Owners In High-Risk Flood Areas

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Thousands who own homes and businesses in locations recently designated as high-risk flood areas will soon have a new way to save on flood insurance protection. Beginning January 1, 2011, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is offering a new insurance rating option that will allow many property owners to take advantage of lower-cost flood insurance for two years before they are required to pay standard rates. The program will make Preferred Risk Policies (PRPs), which start at just \$129 a year and are typically only available for properties in moderate-to-low risk areas, available for properties that have been newly mapped into high-risk areas due to a flood map revision **on or after October 1, 2008**.

Flood risks are dynamic and change over time due to a variety of factors, including changes in the natural landscape, the impacts of land use and development and the condition of flood control structures such as levees. Since 2003, a multi-year effort has been underway to update the nation's flood maps to reflect these changes. Using state-of-the-art technology and modeling techniques, new maps are providing more detailed and accurate information about where flooding is most likely to occur. As new maps are released nationwide, many property owners are finding that their risk has changed and they may now be required to purchase flood insurance. FEMA understands the financial burden this may place on some property owners and, to help them better manage the cost of coverage, is expanding eligibility for its lower-cost policies.

"While everyone is at some risk for flooding, it is especially important for home and business owners with properties in high risk areas to protect their finances by obtaining flood insurance," said Edward L. Connor, Acting Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administrator. "FEMA created the PRP extension opportunity to offer flexibility to home and business owners facing the challenges of today's economy. It's an important immediate measure to help make flood insurance more affordable for those who will be newly required to carry it."

The costs for standard flood insurance policies vary, with the average policy costing approximately \$570 a year. PRPs offer the same quality of protection, and can include coverage on a building's contents, at a fraction of the cost. In addition to the requirement that

properties have been mapped into a high-risk area on or after October 1, 2008 due to a flood map revision or after October 1, 2008 due to a flood map revision to be eligible, all buildings must also meet PRP loss history requirements. After two years at the reduced PRP rates, policies will increase to standard rates. However, there are additional NFIP saving options - including a grandfathering provision, use of elevation ratings and higher deductible policies - that can help reduce costs. Individuals should talk to their insurance agent to learn more.

Although extended eligibility for the PRP does not become effective until January 1, 2011, insurance companies should already be contacting policyholders who may qualify for the extension. Agents are required to provide insurance company documentation that shows the structure is eligible for the PRP extension, including current and prior flood map information. This information can be found on FEMA's mapping website (<http://msc.fema.gov>) or through a community's floodplain administrator.

Property owners in communities that have received flood map updates since October 1, 2008 should contact their insurance agent for further details. Additional information can also be found at www.floodsmart.gov and www.floodsmart.gov/PRPExtension, or by calling the NFIP Help Center at 1-800-427-4661.

Meetings

- **January 12, 2011, 8:30 a.m.**
Local EMA Director's Meeting
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **January 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m.**
IMAT Meeting
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
- **January 18, 2011, 6:30 p.m.**
Cumberland County ARES
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Bryce Rumery, K1GAX
- **January 20, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**
Pet Shelter Working Group Meeting
Location: MEMA, Augusta
Contact: Jeremy Damren, MEMA (207) 624-4400
- **January 21, 2011, 9:00 a.m.**
Risk Map Meeting
Location: Town of Cumberland—Town Office
- **January 21, 2011, 1:30 p.m.**
Risk Map Meeting
Location: Town of Sebago—Town Office
- **January 25, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**
Cumberland County CART Meeting
Location: CCEMA, Windham, Maine
Contact: Bonnie Canfield, CCEMA (207) 892-6785

Medical Management of CBRNE Events

Maine EMS will be hosting the 2 day Medical Management of CBRNE Events training program offered by Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Training Center on January 27th & 28th, 2011. The program will be held here in Augusta at the Department of Public Safety, Florian Hall.

Registration is \$30 - lunch and snacks provided.

This course will equip first responders with the skills needed to ensure proper patient triage, treatment, and transportation in the event of exposure to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) weapons. Exercises conducted in a CBRNE scenario utilizing state of the art human patient simulators will reinforce classroom lectures and interaction. Participants will use their training to demonstrate proper techniques for assessment, triage, mass decontamination considerations, treatment and stabilization. In addition, course participants will receive training on the proper techniques for protecting themselves and limiting cross-contamination.



Continuing Education Credits Available

Maine EMS: Cat 1: 9 hrs, Cat 2: 2 hrs, Cat 3: 1.5 hrs, Cat 4: 1 hr, Cat 5: 1.5 hrs

Emergency Nurses Association (ENA): 15 hrs

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP): 15 hrs

More information about this program and instructions on how to register go to:

www.maine.gov/dps/ems/per-211/per211.pdf

Pass this on to anyone that may be interested!

If you have any questions please let me know.

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Training Opportunities

- **Medical Management of CBRNE Events (PER211)**
Date: January 27—28, 2011, 0800—1700 hours
Location: Augusta, Maine Florian Hall
Registration: (online / closes January 21)
- **Public Information Officer Awareness (G289)**
Date: February 8, 2011, 0815—1630 hours
Location: Saco, Maine, Saco Plaza Conference Center
Contact: Lynette Miller or Mike Grant—MEMA
Phone: (207) 624-4400
Registration: Submit FEMA Form 119-25-1
- **ICS 300 Intermediate Incident Command**
Date: February, 8, 2011, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. (Part 1)
February 15, 2011, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. (Part 2)
February 22, 2011, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. (Part 3)
February 26, 2011, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Part 4)
Location: Wiscasset, Maine
Lincoln County Communications Center
Contact: Kim Kaiser - Lincoln EMA (207) 882-7559
deputyema@lincolncountymaine.me
Register by January 28th—Lincoln County EMA
- **Basic Public Information Officer Course (G290)**
Date: February 9—10, 2011, 0815—1630 hours
Location: Saco, Maine, Saco Plaza Conference Center
Contact: Lynette Miller or Mike Grant—MEMA
Phone: (207) 624-4400
Registration: Submit FEMA Form 119-25-1
- **ICS 400 Advanced Incident Command**
Date: March 22, 2011, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. (Part 1)
March 23, 2011, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. (Part 2)
March 26, 2011 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Part 3)
Location: Wiscasset, Maine
Lincoln County Communications Center
Contact: Kim Kaiser - Lincoln EMA (207) 882-7559
deputyema@lincolncountymaine.me
Register by March 4th
- **NIMS-ICS Safety Officer Course for All Hazards**
Date: March 30-31, 2011
Location: Brewer, Maine—Jeff's Catering
Registration: Email or Fax FEMA 119-25-1 to Arn Hegggers
Email—Arn.M.Hegggers@uscg.mil fax-(207) 741-5404
- **Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference**
Date: April 28—29, 2011, 0800—1600 hours
Location: Augusta Civic Center
Contact: Faith Mayer—MEMA (207) 624-4441
Registration: Information to be posted shortly
- **CERT Jamboree 2011**
Date: September 10—11, 2011
Location: Mt. Vernon, Maine—Camp Laurel
Registration: TBA

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living in a community with reported releases.

Facilities must report their chemical disposals and releases by July 1 of each year. This year, EPA made the 2009 preliminary TRI dataset available in July, the same month as the data were collected. This is the earliest release of TRI data to the public ever.

Reporting under TRI does not indicate illegal discharges of pollutants to the environment. EPA works closely with states to provide regulatory oversight of facilities that generate pollution to the nation's air, land and water. Effective review and permitting programs work to ensure that the public and the environment are not subjected to unhealthy levels of pollution, even as agencies work to further reduce emissions of chemicals to the environment.

Further, robust enforcement efforts by EPA and states ensure that facilities that violate their environmental permits are subject to penalties and corrective action. Yearly releases by individual facilities can vary due to factors such as power outages, production variability, lulls in the business cycle, etc., that do not reflect a facility's pollution prevention program(s).

The top ten chemicals released to the environment on- and off-site during 2009 in Maine were:

- Nitrate Compounds, 2,220,704 lbs.
- Methanol, 2,212,312 lbs.
- Xylene (mixed isomers), 1,179,159 lbs.
- Manganese Compounds, 996,971 lbs.
- Zinc Compounds, 839,991 lbs.
- Ammonia, 774,413 lbs.
- Hydrochloric Acid (after 1995 "acid aerosols" only), 391,834 lbs.
- Acetaldehyde, 200,948 lbs.
- Sulfuric Acid, (after 1994 "acid aerosols" only), 112,052 lbs.
- Chromium Compounds, 103,783 lbs.

TRI was established in 1986 by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and later modified by the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990. Together, these laws require facilities in certain industries to report annually on releases, disposal and other waste management activities related to these chemicals. TRI data are submitted annually to EPA and states by multiple industry sectors including manufacturing, metal mining, electric utilities, and commercial hazardous waste facilities.

EPA continues to work closely with the regulated community to ensure that facilities understand and comply with

their reporting requirements under TRI and other community right-to-know statutes. EPA will once again hold training workshops throughout the New England region during the Spring of 2011. Training sessions will be set up in each state. Further information will be available on our Web site <http://epa.gov>

Maine Responds Emergency Health Volunteer System

Maine Responds is a partnership that integrates local, regional, and statewide volunteer resources to assist our public health and healthcare systems. It is part of a national initiative to train, coordinate, and mobilize volunteers during an emergency. **Maine Responds** coordinates verified, pre-credentialed public health, healthcare and emergency response volunteers into a single database that can coordinate the need for volunteers across county, regional, and state lines if needed.

Registering as a **Maine Responds** volunteer will help ensure that people affected by a disaster will receive the public health and medical care they need. Registration is the first step in meeting this urgent need within Maine and the nation.

<https://www.maineresponds.org>

This site allows you to register as willing to provide services during a disaster or emergency situation. The registration system will collect basic information about you and your professional skills.

Please click on the Register Now button below to begin the registration process. If you have already completed the registration process or wish to return to an in-progress registration, please sign-in using the log in area found on the web page.

[Register Now](https://www.maineresponds.org)

2011 Exercise Schedule

- **May 2011—TBA**
Portland International Jetport Tabletop Exercise
- **October 11, 2011, Saturday, 0800—1300 Hrs.**
Maine Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET)
(Amateur Radio State Emergency Communications Test).
Contact: Bryce Rumery, K1GAX



Important Links

Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency
Home: www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA

Maine Emergency Management Agency
Home: www.maine.gov/mema
Library: www.maine.gov/mema/mema_library.shtml

Maine Prepares
Home: www.maine.gov/mema/prepare

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Home: www.fema.gov
Training: <http://training.fema.gov>
Grants: www.fema.gov/government/grant/index.shtml
Assistance: www.DisasterAssistance.gov

Domestic Preparedness Support
U. S. Department of Homeland Security www.dhs.gov
NIMS Resource Center <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims>
Lessons Learned Information Sharing System
www.llis.gov
Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
<http://hseep.dhs.gov>

Center Disease Control
Maine CDC: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh>
U. S. CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov>
Flu.gov <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>

Southern Maine Regional Resource Center (SMRRC)
Home: www.smrrc.org

Ready America www.ready.gov
National Weather Service—Gray, Maine
www.erh.noaa.gov/gyx

Maine ARES <http://www.maineares.org>
2-1-1 Maine
Home: www.211maine.org

5-1-1 Maine (Maine DOT Travel Information)
Home: www.511maine.gov

American Red Cross of Southern Maine
Home: <http://southernmaine.redcross.org>

PROP
Home: www.wherepeoplecomefirst.org

Southern Maine EMS
Home: www.smems.org

Volunteer Maine
Home: www.volunteermaine.org

Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG)
Home: www.gpcog.org

Monthly Communications Test

January 13, 2011, at 1330 hours.

- Log onto WebEOC
- HAN Notification—1330 hours
- Conference Call—1345 hours
- Radio Check Immediately Following Conference Call

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